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REMARKS

By this amendment claims 1, 6, 14, 15, 19, 22-24, 26, 27, 30, and 32 have been amended; claims 2, 21, 29, and 31 have been canceled. No claims have been added.

Claims 1, 3-20, 22-28, 30, 32 and 33 are now pending. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the previous amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicant would like to start by thanking the Examiner for the indication that claims 13-18 are allowable.

Even though they have been found to be allowable, the Applicant has amended claims 14 and 15. Claim 14 has been amended to delete a word that should not have appeared in the claim, namely "to". Claim 15 has been amended to include additional wording since the claim was previously incomplete. Since both claims 14 and 15 depend from claim 13 which is allowable, the amendments made to these claims should not affect the indication of allowability of claims 14 and 15. No surrender of equivalents is intended by these corrections of typographical errors.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4, 5, 19, 25, 27-30, and 33. The Examiner also mentioned that claims 2, 3, 6-12, 20-24, 26, 31, and 32 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of objected to claim 2. Consequently, claim 2 has been canceled. Therefore it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 should now be allowable.

Claim 6 has been amended to now depend from claim 1 since it previously depended from claim 2 which is now canceled.

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Dependent claims 3-12 recite additional features of the invention and are therefore believed to be allowable for the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1 and for the additional features recited therein.

Claim 19 has been amended to include all of the limitations of objected to claim 21. Consequently, claim 21 has been canceled. Therefore it is respectfully submitted that claim 19 should now be allowable.

Claims 22-24 have been amended to now depend from claim 19 since they previously depended from claim 21 which is now canceled.

Claim 26 has been amended to have proper antecedent basis in view of the amendment made to claim 19. It has also been amended to provide consistency of the language being used throughout the claims, namely to recite an "operating mode" rather than an "operation mode". No surrender of equivalents is intended by these changes.

Dependent claims 20, and 22-26 recite additional features of the invention and are therefore believed to be allowable for the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 19 and for the additional features recited therein.

Claim 27 has been amended to include all of the limitations of objected to claim 31 and intervening claim 29. Consequently, claims 29 and 31 have been canceled. Therefore it is respectfully submitted that claim 27 should now be allowable.

Claim 30 has been amended to now depend from claim 27 since it previously depended from claim 29 which is now canceled.

Claim 32 has been amended to now depend from claim 27 since it previously depended from claim 31 which is now canceled.

Dependent claims 28, 30, 32, and 33 recite additional features of the invention and are therefore believed to be allowable for the same reasons discussed above with respect to claim 27 and for the additional features recited therein.

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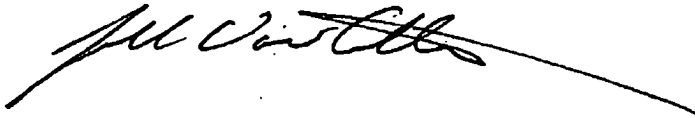
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In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 3-20, 22-28, 30, 32 and 33 are now allowable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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